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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, SOUTHERN DIVISION**

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11 N.Z., R.M., B.L., S.M., and A.L.,
individually and on behalf of
12 themselves and all others similarly
situated,

13 Plaintiffs,

14 vs.

15 FENIX INTERNATIONAL LIMITED,
16 FENIX INTERNET LLC, BOSS
BADDIES LLC, MOXY
17 MANAGEMENT, UNRULY
AGENCY LLC (also d/b/a DYSRPT
18 AGENCY), BEHAVE AGENCY LLC,
A.S.H. AGENCY, CONTENT X, INC.,
19 VERGE AGENCY, INC., AND ELITE
CREATORS LLC,

20 Defendants.
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CASE NO. 8:24-cv-01655-FWS-SSC

**DEFENDANT MOXY
MANAGEMENT'S NOTICE OF
MOTION AND MOTION TO
DISMISS PLAINTIFFS' FIRST
AMENDED CLASS ACTION
COMPLAINT; MEMORANDUM
OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES
IN SUPPORT THEREOF**

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NOTICE OF MOTION

**TO THE COURT, ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF
RECORD:**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 26, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this matter may be heard in the above-entitled court, before the Honorable Fred W. Slaughter, United States District Judge of the Central District of California, Southern Division, in Courtroom 10D, Defendant Moxy Management (“Moxy”) will, and hereby does, move for an order dismissing the Class Action Complaint (the “Complaint”) against Moxy pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (“FRCP”) 12(b)(6) for the following reasons:

RICO And RICO Conspiracy – Plaintiffs fail to state a RICO or RICO conspiracy claim because they have failed to allege the existence of a racketeering enterprise, do not plead that Moxy engaged in any conduct in furtherance of any such enterprise, or that Plaintiffs suffered recoverable damages.

California Penal Code § 502 – Plaintiffs fail to state a claim under this statute because it requires “unauthorized” use and Plaintiffs plead Moxy was authorized to do what it allegedly did. Plaintiffs also fail to plead they suffered any compensable damages.

Video Privacy Protection Act – Plaintiffs fail to state a claim under this statute because they fail to allege facts showing that Moxy is a video tape service provider within the meaning of the statute, that Moxy ever possessed any personally identifiable information covered by the statute, or that Moxy ever disclosed any such information outside of its ordinary course of business.

California Invasion of Privacy Act and Electronic Communications Privacy Act – Plaintiffs have failed to state claims under either of these statutes because they have not alleged that Moxy or any other defendant “tapped” or “intercepted” any communication and that even if that did occur, Plaintiffs and all other relevant individuals consented to any such interception.

1 Moxy further will, and hereby does, move for an order dismissing the claims
2 brought by Plaintiffs B.L., S.M., and A.L. (the “Non-California Plaintiffs”) in the
3 FAC against Moxy on the basis of forum non conveniens for the following reasons:

4 On April 9, 2025, the Court held the Non-California Plaintiffs are bound by the
5 forum-selection clause in the OnlyFans Terms of Service and that the forum selection
6 clause precludes them from being able to bring claims in this forum such that their
7 claims had to be dismissed. ECF No. 117 at 16.

8 As users of OnlyFans and by virtue of their alleged activities on OnlyFans, the
9 same forum-selection clause applies to Moxy and the claims the Non-California
10 Plaintiffs assert against Moxy. Accordingly, the claims asserted by the Non-
11 California Plaintiffs against Moxy should be dismissed for the same reasons they were
12 dismissed against OnlyFans.

13 This motion is based upon this Notice of Motion, the attached Memorandum of
14 Points and Authorities, the reply papers, the pleadings on file, and such other evidence
15 and argument as the Court may receive. Pursuant to Local Rule 7-3, on May 16, 2025,
16 counsel for Moxy met and conferred with counsel for Plaintiffs to discuss the grounds
17 for its motion.

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. INTRODUCTION¹

Moxy Management (“Moxy”) is a management and consulting company formed in 2021 that services individuals (“Creators”) on the OnlyFans social media platform. FAC ¶¶180-183. OnlyFans is a subscription-based social media, content-sharing, and video-sharing platform on which Creators can create, share, and monetize content offered to others (“Fans”) and on which Fans can direct-message Creators’ accounts. *Id.* ¶¶8-9, 14. Plaintiffs allege they are five individuals who wanted the fantasy of an intimate relationship with certain Creators by exchanging direct messages. *Id.* ¶¶28-37, 250-323. Plaintiffs concede Creators have “subscriber bases so large” it would be “physically impossible for a single individual” to interact with Fans “on a direct personal basis.” *Id.* ¶179. Plaintiffs nonetheless claim they were somehow “duped” into thinking they were talking directly to Creators, when they allegedly were instead talking to “chatters” Moxy and the other defendant agencies (collectively, the “Agency Defendants”) engaged to impersonate Creators. *See, e.g., id.* ¶¶257-259. Apparently disappointed their fantasy was just that, a *fantasy*, Plaintiffs now claim they were duped. Their claims fail.

RICO and RICO Conspiracy – The indispensable core of a civil RICO claim is that defendants form an enterprise and then coordinate with it to pursue a common purpose. Fatally, Plaintiffs allege the supposed RICO enterprise was formed *five years* before Moxy was even incorporated, which clearly is impossible. Just as fatally, they fail to allege facts showing OnlyFans even knew Moxy (or any Agency Defendant) existed, that any Agency Defendant knew any other Agency Defendant existed, that any supposed enterprise member had so much as a *single* communication

¹ To avoid repetition in light of the other contemporaneously filed motions, Moxy details the allegations relevant to the claims asserted against it in its argument sections herein. Unless otherwise noted and for ease of reading, all citations and internal quotation marks are omitted from quoted material, and all emphasis is added.

1 with any other coordinating any RICO activity, or that members even shared a
2 common purpose. At *best*, Plaintiffs allege only that defendants acted independently
3 in pursuit of their own economic interests, which has *never* been held to violate RICO.

4 **California Penal Code § 502** – This claim fails as a matter of law because it
5 requires “unauthorized” use and Plaintiffs plead Moxy was authorized to use
6 Creators’ accounts. Plaintiffs also fail to plead any compensable damages.

7 **Video Privacy Protection Act (“VPPA”)** – The VPPA governs only the non-
8 business disclosure of personally identifying information (“PII”) by videotape
9 providers. Plaintiffs nowhere allege facts showing Moxy is a videotape provider, that
10 it ever possessed any PII, or that any disclosure was wrongful.

11 **California Invasion of Privacy Act (“CIPA”) And Electronic**
12 **Communications Privacy Act (“Wiretap Act”)** – These claims fail because
13 Plaintiffs nowhere allege Moxy tapped any wire or “intercepted” any
14 communications. Mere *impersonation* of another, which is all Plaintiffs allege, is not
15 actionable under either statute. Plaintiffs’ Wiretap Act claim also fails because the
16 Creators consented to any interception.

17 **II. LEGAL STANDARDS**

18 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6) allows an attack on the pleadings for
19 “failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6).
20 “To survive a motion to dismiss, a complaint must contain sufficient factual matter,
21 accepted as true, to ‘state a claim to relief that is plausible on its face.’” *Ashcroft v.*
22 *Iqbal*, 556 U.S. 662, 678 (2009). “A claim has facial plausibility when the plaintiff
23 pleads factual content that allows the court to draw the reasonable inference that the
24 defendant is liable for the misconduct alleged.” *Id.*

25 Generally, a court accepts factual allegations as true and views them in the light
26 most favorable to plaintiff. *Park v. Thompson*, 851 F.3d 910, 918 (9th Cir. 2017); *Lee*
27 *v. City of Los Angeles*, 250 F.3d 668, 679 (9th Cir. 2001). But a court is “not bound
28 to accept as true a legal conclusion couched as a factual allegation” and will accept

1 such a conclusion only where it is adequately “supported by factual allegations.”
2 *Iqbal*, 556 U.S. at 664, 678.

3 **III. PLAINTIFFS HAVE FAILED TO PLEAD A CIVIL RICO VIOLATION**

4 The civil RICO statute was “intended to combat organized crime, not to provide
5 a federal cause of action and treble damages to every tort plaintiff.” *Oscar v. Univ.*
6 *Students Co-op. Ass’n*, 965 F.2d 783, 786 (9th Cir. 1992). Accordingly, a plaintiff
7 only pleads a civil RICO violation where it plausibly alleges the defendant
8 participated in “(1) the conduct of (2) an enterprise that affects interstate commerce
9 (3) through a pattern (4) of racketeering activity or collection of unlawful debt.”
10 *Eclectic Props. E., LLC v. Marcus & Millichap Co.*, 751 F.3d 990, 997 (9th Cir. 2014).

11 Plaintiffs’ supposed RICO scheme comprises only bare allegations that
12 indirectly connected entities who never communicated with one another pursued
13 economic gain in a manner that involved vague fraudulent statements. That has *never*
14 been sufficient to plead a RICO scheme and is not sufficient now.

15 **A. Plaintiff Has Not Alleged Facts Showing A RICO Enterprise**

16 A RICO enterprise is “a group of persons associated together for a common
17 purpose of engaging in a course of conduct” that violates the RICO statute. *U.S. v.*
18 *Turkette*, 452 U.S. 576, 583 (1981). Accordingly, Plaintiffs must plead (1) “a
19 common purpose,” (2) “a structure or organization,” and (3) “longevity necessary to
20 accomplish the purpose.” *Eclectic Props.*, 751 F.3d at 997.

21 Plaintiffs allege a so-called “Content Fraud Enterprise” comprising OnlyFans,
22 Moxy and the other Agency Defendants, and their “Represented Creators.” FAC
23 ¶361. Far from pleading facts supporting that such an enterprise ever existed,
24 Plaintiffs plead facts showing it did *not*.

25 **1. Plaintiffs Plead The Alleged Enterprise Was Formed Before** 26 **Its Members *Even Existed***

27 The most emblematic of Plaintiffs’ failures to plead a RICO enterprise is their
28 allegation it “has been ongoing since approximately 2016,” because that date was *four*

1 *years before any Agency Defendant even existed. Id.* ¶377. The earliest an Agency
2 Defendant was incorporated was March 2020, and the remainder (including Moxy)
3 were incorporated thereafter. *Id.* ¶¶46-52 (alleging Unruly Agency, Dysrpt Agency,
4 Behave Agency, and Content X formed in 2020; Moxy, A.S.H. Agency, Verge
5 Agency, and Boss Baddies formed in 2021; and Elite Creators formed in 2022). It is
6 not possible for a RICO enterprise to have existed *before* its members existed. *See*
7 18 U.S.C. 1962(c) (requiring existence of a “person” for RICO liability); 18 U.S.C.
8 1961(3) (“‘person’ includes any individual or entity capable of holding a legal or
9 beneficial interest in property”).² Plaintiffs’ enterprise allegations thus fail the most
10 elementary hurdle.

11 **2. Plaintiffs Have Failed To Plead The Alleged Enterprise**
12 **Members Even Knew Each Other Existed**

13 Plaintiffs’ allegations regarding the purported RICO enterprise *after* the
14 Agency Defendants were incorporated fare no better, because they fail to plead facts
15 showing OnlyFans knew the Agency Defendants—not just agencies in general—
16 existed, or that the Agency Defendants knew each other existed.

17 As to OnlyFans’s knowledge of the Agency Defendants, Plaintiffs generally
18 allege OnlyFans knew content creators could use agencies. FAC ¶¶130, 146. But the
19 sole factual allegation to support Plaintiffs’ conclusory assertion that OnlyFans was
20 “aware of Agency Defendants” *in particular* (*id.* ¶370) is that in July 2023 *one* of the
21 Agency Defendants collaborated with OnlyFans (*id.* ¶6 (alleging event with Creators
22 Inc.)). OnlyFans’ knowledge that *one* Agency Defendant existed in 2023 says nothing
23 about whether OnlyFans knew a *different* agency Moxy (or any other Agency
24 Defendant) existed at any time before this action was filed. If OnlyFans did not know

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26 ² To the extent Plaintiffs argue the enterprise existed prior to 2020 between
27 OnlyFans and the Creators the Agency Defendants now allegedly represent, they have
28 failed to allege any supporting facts. Plaintiffs have not, for example, alleged Creators
used chatters without Agency Defendants, nor have they alleged any fraud prior to
2020. *See* FAC ¶384 (alleging OnlyFans’s predicate acts began in 2021).

1 Moxy existed, it plainly cannot have been in a RICO enterprise with it. *Wimo Labs*
2 *LLC v. eBay Inc.*, Case No. SACV 15-1330-JLS (KESx), 2016 WL 11507382, at *4
3 (C.D. Cal. Jan. 28, 2016) (RICO claim failed absent allegations enterprise members
4 “were even aware of one another’s existence as participants in a scheme to defraud.”).

5 As to the Agency Defendants’ knowledge of each other, the Complaint is
6 totally silent. Plaintiffs nowhere allege *any* facts showing any Agency Defendant
7 knew any other Agency Defendant existed. Again, persons cannot form a RICO
8 enterprise with members they do not know exist. *Id.*; *see also U.S. v. Fernandez*, 388
9 F.3d 1199, 1230 (9th Cir. 2004) (defendant can only participate in RICO scheme
10 where it is “aware of the essential nature and scope of the enterprise”).

11 3. Plaintiffs Have Not Pled Coordination

12 Plaintiffs’ failure to plead facts supporting that any alleged member of the
13 purported RICO enterprise knew any other member existed automatically precludes
14 them from having alleged the necessary “evidence of an ongoing organization, formal
15 or informal, and evidence that the various associates function as a continuing unit.”
16 *Odom v. Microsoft Corp.*, 486 F.3d 541, 552 (9th Cir. 2007).

17 Recognizing they must plead coordination, Plaintiffs conclusorily allege the
18 existence of supposed “financial ties and coordination of activities between the
19 OnlyFans Defendants and the Agency Defendants.” FAC ¶378; *see also id.* ¶422
20 (alleging in conclusory manner various supposed “communications”). Fatally,
21 however, *nowhere* in the 546-paragraph FAC do Plaintiffs allege any facts supporting
22 that any such coordination *ever happened*. Indeed, Plaintiffs do not allege so much
23 as a *single* communication between *any* of the alleged members of the enterprise,
24 whether between OnlyFans and an Agency Defendant or between any Agency
25 Defendants. Without such allegations, Plaintiffs have not met their pleading burden.
26 *Shaw v. Nissan N. Am. Inc.*, 220 F. Supp. 3d 1046, 1057 (C.D. Cal. 2016) (RICO
27 claim dismissed where plaintiff failed to allege facts supporting coordination); *Wimo*
28 *Labs*, 2016 WL 11507382 at *3 (absence of allegations of coordination between

1 alleged enterprise members meant “Plaintiff fail[ed] to allege any facts suggesting
2 that they combined as an enterprise in furtherance of a fraudulent or unlawful
3 purpose”); *In re Jamster Mktg. Litig.*, No. 05cv0819 JM(CAB), 2009 WL 1456632,
4 at *5 (S.D. Cal. May 22, 2009) (merely alleging defendants were a part of a fraud
5 insufficient to plead purported enterprise members “work[ed] together to achieve” a
6 common purpose).

7 As to the supposed “financial ties,” Plaintiffs have alleged only that each
8 Agency Defendant earns money through their relationships with Creators who in turn
9 earn money through their relationships with OnlyFans. Such bare allegations are,
10 again, insufficient to plead coordination. *Uce v. Oral Aesthetic Advoc. Grp., Inc.*,
11 Case No. CV 23-3186-CBM-MRWx, 2024 WL 3050720, at *7 (C.D. Cal. Feb. 23,
12 2024) (mere fact that different defendants had some economic relationship to a single
13 entity that allegedly engaged in fraudulent activity insufficient to allege a RICO
14 enterprise).

15 Far from alleging *coordination* between OnlyFans and the Agency Defendants,
16 Plaintiffs repeatedly allege OnlyFans had policies *against* the Agency Defendants’
17 supposed use of chatters. Specifically, Plaintiffs allege that “None of what agencies
18 (including Agency Defendants) are doing to perpetuate the Chatter Scams is actually
19 ‘allowed’ by OnlyFans’ ‘Terms of Service’” (FAC ¶163) and OnlyFans “policies
20 contain specific terms” that “prohibit Creators from allowing anyone else to even
21 access their accounts,” such as chatters (*id.* ¶130). These allegations that OnlyFans
22 and the Agency Defendants were at odds contradict Plaintiffs’ conclusory
23 coordination allegations and doom their RICO claim. *Shaw*, 220 F. Supp. 3d at 1057
24 (plaintiff failed to plead coordination where RICO enterprise members took steps that
25 conflicted with the alleged common purpose).

26 In the absence of factual allegations supporting coordination, Plaintiffs have
27 alleged only that purported enterprise members acted “independently and without
28 coordination,” which the Supreme Court has conclusively held is “insufficient to

1 adequately plead a RICO enterprise.” *Boyle v. U.S.*, 556 U.S. 938 at 947 n.4 (2009).

2 **4. Plaintiffs Have Failed To Plead A Common Purpose**

3 Plaintiffs also have failed to allege facts sufficient to show the Defendants even
4 *could* have shared the supposed “common purpose” of using “chatters to extract
5 Premium Content Fees from Plaintiffs and Class Members,” let alone facts to show
6 they actually did so. FAC ¶362.

7 While Plaintiffs allege OnlyFans is the central player in the purported RICO
8 enterprise because it represented to Plaintiffs that they could “direct message”
9 Creators and “build ‘genuine’ and ‘authentic’ connections,” (*id.* ¶¶362-365), they
10 concede that, at *best*, their allegations merely “support[] an inference that OnlyFans
11 is aware of the Chatter Scams.” *Id.* ¶129. Plaintiffs’ admitted inability to plead facts
12 showing OnlyFans *actually knew* of the alleged “Chatter Scams” precludes them from
13 having plead that OnlyFans, Moxy, and the other Agency Defendants shared the
14 “common purpose” of making money through that alleged scam.³ *Cruz v.*
15 *FXDirectDealer, LLC*, 720 F.3d 115, 121 (2d Cir. 2013) (RICO claim failed where
16 participants “generally were unaware of [alleged] deceptive practices”); *In re Jamster*
17 *Mktg. Litig.*, 2009 WL 1456632, at *5 (“At a minimum, Plaintiffs must set forth
18 particularized allegations that [Defendants] had the common purpose of increasing
19 their revenues by fraudulent means.”).

20 The absence of a common purpose is further supported by Plaintiffs’
21 characterization of OnlyFans as having only “overlooked or permitted” (FAC ¶100)
22 or “willfully ignored” (*id.* ¶157) agencies and chatters, rather than having undertaken
23 some affirmative action to facilitate them. The mere allowance of others to act cannot
24 support “common purpose” among RICO enterprise participants. *See, e.g., In re*
25 *Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep Ecodiesel Mktg, Sales Pracs. and Prods. Liab. Litig.*, 295 F.

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27 ³ OnlyFans’s policies against agencies only further support the absence of a
28 common purpose. *See* Section III.A.3, *supra*.

1 Supp. 3d 927, 983 (N.D. Cal. 2018) (merely “failing to stop illegal activity[]
2 is not sufficient” to show a common purpose); *In re Jamster Mktg. Litig.*, 2009 WL
3 1456632, at *5 (plaintiffs’ conclusory allegation defendants were “fraudulently
4 collecting monies” insufficient to plead a common purpose).

5 **5. The Alleged Members Of The Purported RICO Enterprise**
6 **Were Merely Acting In Their Self-Interest**

7 The consequence of Plaintiffs’ pleading failures is they have necessarily plead
8 only that each Defendant acted independently and in their own economic self-
9 interests. “Courts have overwhelmingly rejected” attempts to “characterize routine
10 commercial relationships” as a RICO enterprise; this Court should do the same here.
11 *Gomez v. Guthy-Renker, LLC*, Case No. EDCV 14-01423 JGB (KKx), 2015 WL
12 4270042, at *8 (C.D. Cal. July 13, 2015).

13 In particular, while Plaintiffs allege the RICO enterprise existed for “the
14 common purpose of fraudulently increasing the amount and number of Premium
15 Content Fees each Fan pays” (FAC ¶376), courts routinely reject RICO claims that
16 merely describe routine business activity as “fraudulent.” *See, e.g., In re Jamster*
17 *Mktg. Litig.*, 2009 WL 1456632, at *5 (dismissing RICO claim because “[w]ithout
18 the adjectives, the allegations allege conduct consistent with ordinary business
19 conduct and an ordinary business purpose”). Indeed, Plaintiffs do little more than
20 characterize Moxy’s entire business as a fraud perpetrated through a RICO enterprise.
21 “[A]lleg[ing] no more than that Defendants’ primary business activity . . . was
22 conducted fraudulently” is, too, insufficient to state a RICO claim. *In re Toyota Motor*
23 *Corp. Unintended Acceleration Mktg., Sales Pracs., & Prods. Liab. Litig.*, 826 F.
24 Supp. 2d 1180, 1202-03 (C.D. Cal. 2011) (dismissing RICO claim alleging
25 defendants’ business was operated fraudulently); *see also Sihler v. Fulfillment Lab,*
26 *Inc.*, Case No. 3:20-cv-01528-H-MSB, 2020 WL 7226436, at *12-13 (S.D. Cal. Dec.
27 8, 2020) (merely identifying business transactions, even those that show fraud
28 occurred, is not sufficient to plead a RICO claim).

B. Moxy Did Not Engage In Any Conduct In Furtherance Of The Alleged RICO Scheme

RICO liability requires that “the defendants conducted or participated in the conduct of the ‘enterprise’s affairs,’ not just their *own* affairs.” *Reves v. Ernst & Young*, 507 U.S. 170, 185 (1993) (emphasis in original). In evaluating whether a defendant had some part in directing the affairs of the enterprise, the Ninth Circuit considers whether it (1) gave or took directions; (2) occupied a position in the “chain of command” through which the affairs of the enterprise were conducted; (3) knowingly implemented decisions of upper management; or (4) was indispensable to the achievement of the enterprise’s goal. *Walter v. Drayson*, 538 F.3d 1244, 1249 (9th Cir. 2008). Plaintiffs have not pled any of these factors as to Moxy.

1. Moxy Did Not Give Or Take Directions From Anyone

The absence of any allegation Moxy ever communicated with OnlyFans or the other Agency Defendants, *see supra* Section III.A.3, means Plaintiffs have not pled Moxy did anything to direct or participate in the conduct of the enterprise’s affairs. *Walter*, 538 F.3d at 1249 (although plaintiff had shown defendant was “involved” in enterprise, RICO claim nonetheless failed due to absence of allegations showing defendant had “some part in directing its affairs”).

2. Plaintiffs Have Not Alleged Moxy Committed A Predicate Act

Plaintiffs’ RICO claim is based on alleged wire fraud under 18 U.S.C. § 1343. FAC ¶382. Plaintiffs fail, however, to plead Moxy engaged in any such fraud at all, let alone with the degree of particularity required under F.R.C.P. 9(b). *Blue Oak Med. Grp. v. State Comp. Ins. Fund*, 809 F. App’x 344, 345 (9th Cir. 2020).

The *only* alleged fraudulent acts by Moxy in particular are supposed “communications through the internet to Plaintiffs and Class Members” by chatters, “falsely representing they were Creators, to convince Plaintiffs and Class Members to pay Premium Content Fees.” FAC ¶404. Specifically, Plaintiffs allege they paid money to subscribe to the accounts of four Moxy-affiliated Creators: i) Plaintiff B.L.

1 subscribed to Briana Armbruster on November 28, 2023; ii) Plaintiff S.M. subscribed
2 to Kaitlyn Krems and Breckie Hill in 2023; and iii) Plaintiff R.M. subscribed to
3 Chyanne Burden on July 16, 2020. *Id.* These allegations do not satisfy Plaintiffs’
4 burden to plead fraud with specificity.

5 Plaintiffs allege Moxy represented these four creators “on information and
6 belief” but *without* any supporting facts, which is insufficient as a matter of law.
7 *Moore v. Kayport Package Express., Inc.*, 885 F.2d 531, 540 (9th Cir. 1989)
8 (“[A]llegations of fraud based on information and belief usually do not satisfy the
9 particularity requirements under rule 9(b).”); *Nayab v. Cap. One Bank (USA), N.A.*,
10 942 F.3d 480, 493–94 (9th Cir. 2019) (“[A]llegations ‘based on information and belief
11 may suffice,’ ‘so long as the allegations are accompanied by a statement of facts upon
12 which the belief is founded.’”). Indeed, Plaintiffs allegations are demonstrably *false*
13 in at least one respect—Moxy cannot have represented Chyanne Burden in 2020
14 (FAC ¶419) because it was not formed until 2021 (*id.* ¶49). Even the allegation Moxy
15 operated the accounts of its affiliated Creators is insufficiently made “[o]n
16 information and belief.” *Id.* ¶103. Absent alleged facts supporting these claims,
17 Plaintiffs’ fraud allegations unquestionably fail.

18 Further, Plaintiffs do not allege any facts supporting that Moxy, or chatters it
19 engaged, ever “falsely represent[ed] they were Creators, to convince Plaintiffs and
20 Class Members to pay Premium Content Fees.” *Id.* ¶404. The *closest* Plaintiffs come
21 is alleging that *one* Plaintiff, S.M., “confronted Bella Thorne, Stephanie Landor,
22 Breckie Hill, and Kaitlyn Krems via direct message and *they all said* it was them
23 replying to messages and/or denied using chatters.”⁴ *Id.* ¶299. But that allegation
24 lacks the minimum required “who, what, when, where, and how” of an alleged
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26 ⁴ There is *no allegation anywhere* that any Creator allegedly affiliated with Moxy
27 other than Kaitlyn Krems and Breckie Hill ever represented to any Plaintiff that they
28 were the individuals talking to a Plaintiff and not a chatter, or that they denied using
chatters. Accordingly, no other Plaintiff can have alleged any fraud by Moxy.

1 misrepresentation to support a fraud claim. *Coronavirus Rep. v. Apple, Inc.*, 85 F.4th
2 948, 958 (9th Cir. 2023). And, fatally, there is no allegation that any such response
3 by Kaitlyn Krems and Breckie Hill (the two Moxy-affiliated Creators) *was false, i.e.*,
4 that the response was in fact from a chatter (or that they ever even used chatters). In
5 fact, Plaintiffs have plead themselves out of being able to argue that the
6 communications were from chatters by alleging only that “agencies contract with
7 chatters to conduct *most*” of the communications “between the Creators and the Fans,”
8 and *not all*. FAC ¶104.

9 While Plaintiffs allege a range of other supposed “fraudulent” acts, their failure
10 to allege any specifics regarding those acts precludes them from being able to rely on
11 such acts in support of their RICO claim. FAC ¶422 (listing alleged acts undertaken
12 by “Defendants” generally); *Coronavirus Rep.*, 85 F.4th at 958.

13 **3. OnlyFans’ Alleged Fraudulent Acts Cannot Be Imputed To**
14 **Moxy**

15 Finally, even assuming Plaintiffs *have* sufficiently plead *OnlyFans*
16 misrepresented that all communications were authentically with creators and not
17 chatters (FAC ¶384), Plaintiffs have failed to show such conduct should be imputed
18 to Moxy.

19 The mere performance of legitimate business activities that *another* might use
20 in a fraudulent manner is not conduct in furtherance of a RICO enterprise. *Gardner*
21 *v. Starkist Co.*, 418 F. Supp. 3d 443, 461 (N. D. Cal. 2019) (that the *seller* of canned
22 tuna misrepresented it was “dolphin safe” did not mean the fisherman, importers,
23 storers, canners and processors had engaged in fraudulent RICO conduct); *Uce*, 2024
24 WL 3050720, at *5 (alleged RICO scheme members did not commit RICO conduct
25 where they “simply perform[ed] services for the enterprise”). Merely alleging
26 Moxy’s engagement of chatters made OnlyFans’ alleged misrepresentation of
27 authenticity untrue does not show actionable RICO conduct by Moxy.

C. Plaintiffs Have Failed To Allege The Purported RICO Activity Caused Them Any Damages

Finally, to plead a RICO claim a plaintiff must allege the RICO scheme caused it “concrete financial loss.” *Oscar v. Univ. Students Co-Operative Ass’n*, 965 F.2d 783, 785 (9th Cir.1992). Plaintiffs allege they were harmed because they spent money on “Premium Content Fees,” including paying more than they would have had they known about chatters, and their “lost expectation” of speaking directly with Creators. FAC ¶¶433-437. But mere “lost expectation” of talking to Creators rather than a chatter is not compensable. *Chaset v. Fleer/Skybox Int’l, LP*, 300 F.3d 1083, 1087 (9th Cir. 2002). And Plaintiffs have failed to allege facts showing they suffered any financial harm.

Plaintiffs define “Premium Content Fees” as “Subscription Fees, PPV Charges, and Creator Tips”—*i.e.*, *all* the fees Plaintiffs spent on any content *for any reason*, such as to access explicit pictures, not solely for talking to Creators. *Id.* ¶77. As to “Subscription Fees,” Plaintiffs allege they were paid to unlock access to a Creator’s entire account and view certain highly desirable content. *See, e.g., id.* ¶404, 418 (alleging S.M. became a VIP subscriber to Breckie Hill but the content he received was not as explicit as he had hoped). Critically, Subscription Fees certainly *were not* paid for the sole purpose of talking to Creators because some Plaintiffs *are still subscribed to Creators* despite alleging chatters operate their accounts. *See, e.g., id.* ¶404, 419. (alleging R.M. is still subscribed to Chyanne Burden).

As to “PPV” or “Pay-Per-View” charges, these comprise the lion’s share of the Premium Content Fees but are paid to view explicit pictures, *not to speak to Creators*. *Id.* ¶111. PPV charges are irrelevant because Plaintiffs (1) do not allege any supposed RICO activity regarding PPV content, and (2) do not allege the PPV content was fraudulent in any way (it was not). *Id.* ¶¶363-365.

As to Creator Tips, Plaintiffs affirmatively allege they were paid for a multitude of reasons *other than* because Plaintiffs believed they were talking to a Creator. *Id.*

¶72 (alleging tips were paid for “custom content, special requests, advice, recipes, lessons, or almost anything else”).

Because the alleged Premium Content Fees purportedly were paid for reasons *other than* to talk directly with Creators, Plaintiffs have failed to plead their alleged financial harm either happened or was caused by the alleged RICO activity. *Canyon Cnty. v. Syngenta Seeds, Inc.*, 519 F.3d 969, 975, 980-81 (9th Cir. 2008) (RICO claim dismissed where Plaintiff failed to plead the alleged RICO activity, rather than other acts, caused it any financial loss).

IV. PLAINTIFFS FAIL TO PLEAD A RICO CONSPIRACY

When a plaintiff fails to plead a RICO claim, they necessarily also fail to plead a RICO conspiracy claim under 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c). *Khalid v. Microsoft Corp.*, No. 20-35921, 2023 WL 2493730, at *1 (9th Cir. Mar. 14, 2023) (“Because [plaintiff] failed to state a RICO claim . . . he also failed to state a RICO conspiracy claim”). Accordingly, this claim also fails.

V. MOXY COULD NOT AND DID NOT VIOLATE THE VPPA

A. Moxy Is Not Subject To The VPPA

Only a “video tape service provider” can be liable under the VPPA. 18 U.S.C. § 2710(b) (prohibiting acts by “[a] video tape service provider”). Plaintiffs fail to allege facts, rather than merely a conclusion (FAC ¶452), supporting that Moxy meets the “video tape service provider” definition of “any person, engaged in the business, in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce, of rental, sale, or delivery of prerecorded video cassette tapes or similar audio visual materials.” 18 U.S.C. § 2710(a)(4).

As an initial matter, Plaintiffs allege Moxy’s business is to manage the accounts of its affiliated Creators and its primary activity is to facilitate chatters. *Id.* ¶¶180-188. Plaintiffs nowhere allege that delivering video content is even a small part of Moxy’s business, let alone a “central” part as the VPPA requires. *Hernandez v. Chewy, Inc.*, Case No. 2:23-cv-05620 HDV RAO, 2023 WL 9319236, at *3 (C.D.

1 Cal. Dec. 13, 2023) (“[C]ourts in the Ninth Circuit have recognized consistently that
2 delivering video content must be central to the defendant’s business or product for the
3 VPPA to apply.”).

4 Further, the Complaint nowhere alleges that Moxy *in particular* ever provided
5 any audiovisual materials to any Plaintiff. Plaintiffs’ generalized allegations that
6 certain Plaintiffs “viewed videos sent to [them] via direct message through Creators’
7 accounts—some of which [they] had specifically requested” is insufficient to show
8 that Moxy itself, rather than the Creator, some third party, or some other Agency
9 Defendant, ever provided such materials. FAC ¶¶268, 283, 296, 314; *Martin v.*
10 *Meredith Corp.*, 657 F. Supp. 3d 277, 285 (S.D.N.Y. 2023) (dismissing VPPA claim
11 because the “handful of generalized allegations saying [defendant] shares video titles”
12 with third parties were unsupported by “specific allegations”).

13 Finally, the only material any allegedly Moxy-affiliated Creator sent to any
14 Plaintiff was a *single photograph* Kaitlyn Krems sent to Plaintiff S.M. FAC ¶404,
15 417. Because a photograph plainly does not constitute a videotape “or similar audio
16 visual materials,” that allegation does not support that Moxy is a videotape service
17 provider who is even capable of breaching the VPPA.

18 **B. Moxy Did Not Collect Any PII**

19 The VPPA prohibits the “knowing[] disclos[ure], to any person, personally
20 identifiable information [(“PII”)] concerning any consumer” of the video tape service
21 provider. 18 U.S.C. § 2710(b)(1). PII is limited to “information that would readily
22 permit an ordinary person to identify a specific individual’s video-watching
23 behavior,” and must include “some information that can be used to identify an
24 individual.” *Eichenberger v. ESPN, Inc.*, 876 F.3d 979, 984 (9th Cir. 2017). PII *does*
25 *not* include “information” that “*cannot* identify an individual unless it is combined
26 with other data” through a method “an ordinary person could not use.” *Id.* at 986. As
27 a consequence, “anonymous usernames” alone are not PII because they do not
28 “identify an actual, identifiable person and link that person to a specific video choice.”

1 *In re Nickelodeon Consumer Priv. Litig.*, MDL No. 2443 (SRC), 2014 WL 3012873,
2 at *12 (D.N.J. July 2, 2014); *see also In re Hulu Priv. Litig.*, No. C 11-03764 LB,
3 2014 WL 1724344, at *12 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 28, 2014) (disclosing “a unique identifier—
4 without more—[does not] violate[]” VPPA).

5 Plaintiffs’ failure to plead they ever asked for any videos from any Moxy-
6 affiliated Creator precludes Plaintiffs from having alleged Moxy ever possessed any
7 PII that it even *could* have wrongfully disclosed under the VPPA. But even if they
8 had plead that, Plaintiffs admit the only information disclosed to chatters was the
9 Fans’ “communication history,” which displays only “the Fan’s username” and not
10 their real name.⁵ FAC ¶¶449-451. Indeed, Plaintiffs concede that while a “username”
11 can be used to “view the Fan’s profile on OnlyFans,” usernames are “pseudonyms as
12 a matter of course...to remain anonymous.” *Id.* ¶¶27, 450; *see Nickelodeon*, 2014
13 WL 3012873, at *12 (ordinary people cannot use “anonymous information about
14 home computers, IP addresses, anonymous usernames, even a user’s gender and
15 age...to identify an actual, identifiable person”).

16 Accordingly, Plaintiffs have failed to allege that Moxy ever even possessed any
17 PII that it even *could* have disclosed in violation of the VPPA.

18 **C. Any Disclosure By Moxy Was Permitted Under The VPPA**

19 Even if Moxy was subject to the VPPA and both possessed and disclosed PII,
20 its disclosure would be lawful because it would have occurred in the “ordinary course
21 of business.” 18 U.S.C. 2710(b)(E).

22 Under the VPPA, the “ordinary course of business” includes “order fulfillment
23 [and] request processing.” 18 U.S.C. 2710(a)(2). Here, Plaintiffs fatally concede that
24 chatters “sell Fans content from the Creator’s Vault and/or obtain Fans’ requests for
25 specific ‘custom’ content” and disclose information to Moxy and/or the Creator for
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27 ⁵ OnlyFans is the only Defendant that allegedly collected information such as email
28 addresses and telephone numbers. FAC ¶449.

1 the purpose of fulfilling the request.⁶ FAC ¶112(b)-(d). That is perfectly lawful.
2 *Sterk v. Redbox Automated Retail LLC*, 770 F.3d 618 (7th Cir. 2014) (VPPA not
3 violated where disclosure was part of defendant’s “ordinary course of business” of
4 fulfilling orders and processing requests).

5 **VI. PLAINTIFFS’ FAIL TO PLEAD A CLAIM UNDER CALIFORNIA**
6 **PENAL CODE § 502**

7 Plaintiffs’ claim Moxy violated Section 502 by “knowingly accessing, without
8 permission, Plaintiffs’ and Class Members’ private messages stored on or transmitted
9 via the OnlyFans Platform’s computer systems” fails as a matter of law. FAC ¶467.

10 Section 502 “require[s] that a defendant’s access of the computer system at
11 issue be ‘without permission.’” *Custom Packaging Supply, Inc. v. Phillips*, Case No.
12 2:15-CV-04584-ODW-AGR, 2015 WL 8334793, at *3 (C.D. Cal. Dec. 7, 2015)
13 (citing §§ 502(c)(1), (2), (3), (4), (6), & (7)). “‘Without permission’” is narrowly
14 defined as accessing or using “‘a computer, computer network, or website in a manner
15 that overcomes technical or code-based barriers.’” *Facebook, Inc. v. Power Ventures,*
16 *Inc.*, No. C 08-05780 JW, 2010 WL 3291750, at *11 (N.D. Cal. July 20, 2010). Far
17 from alleging Moxy overcame any such barrier, Plaintiffs allege Moxy had “full
18 permission and authority” to access their affiliated-Creators’ accounts and to view
19 “Plaintiffs’ and Class Members’ private messages.” FAC ¶104; *see also id.* ¶4
20 (“Chatters are often hired by self-styled ‘management agencies’ operating OnlyFans
21 accounts on behalf of multiple Creators, *at the request of and with the consent of the*
22 *Creators.*”); *id.* ¶190 (Moxy’s agreement with its affiliated Creators “grants Moxy
23 full access to and control over each Represented Creator’s OnlyFans account.”).
24 Accordingly, Plaintiffs have not only failed to plead Moxy violated Section 502, but
25 have plead facts showing it *cannot have done so*. *See Gutierrez v. Converse, Inc.*,

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27 ⁶ Plaintiffs’ conclusory allegations that Moxy’s supposed disclosures were not “in
28 the ordinary course of business but were done for the purpose of illegal and fraudulent
conduct” is insufficient under basic pleading standards. FAC ¶463.

1 2023 WL 8939221 at *4 (C.D. Cal. Oct. 27, 2023) (website operator cannot act
2 without permission when there are “no technical barriers blocking [it] from using its
3 own Website”).

4 This claim also fails because Moxy’s authorization means Plaintiffs cannot, and
5 do not, plead any facts showing Moxy committed any violations “knowingly.” Cal.
6 Pen. Code §502(c)(2)-(3), (6)-(7); *Nowak v. Xapo, Inc.*, Case No. 5:20-cv-03643-
7 BLF, 2020 WL 6822888, at *5 (N.D. Cal. Nov. 20, 2020) (because Section 502 claims
8 “sound[] in fraud,” they are therefore “subject to Rule 9(b) pleading standard”).

9 Finally, Plaintiffs plead their damages include “invasion of privacy, emotional
10 distress, and economic losses.” FAC ¶474. But invasion of privacy and emotional
11 distress “do not qualify” as damages under §502. *See Heiting v. Taro Pharms. USA,*
12 *Inc.*, 709 F. Supp. 3d 1007, 1020-21 (C.D. Cal. 2023) (collecting cases). And
13 Plaintiffs’ bare allegation that they suffered “economic losses” is insufficient to meet
14 their pleading threshold. *See Gutierrez*, 2023 WL 8939221, at *5.

15 **VII. PLAINTIFFS FAIL TO ALLEGE A VIOLATION OF CIPA OR THE**
16 **WIRETAP ACT**

17 Courts routinely and consistently hold that—with one exception noted below—
18 claims for violation of CIPA and the Wiretap Act are subject to the same analysis.
19 *Swarts v. Home Depot, Inc.*, 689 F. Supp. 3d 732, 747 (N.D. Cal. 2023) (“The analysis
20 for a violation of CIPA is the same as that under the federal Wiretap Act.”). These
21 claims thus fail for the same reasons.

22 Section 631(a) contains “three operative clauses covering ‘three distinct and
23 mutually independent patterns of conduct’: (1) ‘intentional wiretapping,’ (2)
24 ‘willfully attempting to learn the contents or meaning of a communication in transit
25 over a wire,’ and (3) ‘attempting to use or communicate information obtained as a
26 result of engaging in either of the two previous activities,’ but also includes a fourth
27 potential basis of liability (4) for anyone “who aids, agrees with, employs, or
28 conspires with any person or persons to unlawfully do, or permit, or cause to be done

1 any of the” other three bases for liability. *Mastel v. Miniclip SA*, 549 F. Supp. 3d
2 1129, 1134 (E.D. Cal. 2021). Although Plaintiffs fail to specify which of these clauses
3 Moxy allegedly violated, they fail to state a claim under any.

4 **A. Plaintiffs Do Not Plead An “Intentional Wiretapping” Violation**

5 The first clause of Section 631(a) imposes liability on “[a]ny person who . . .
6 intentionally taps, or makes any unauthorized connection . . .with any *telegraph or*
7 *telephone* wire, line, cable, or instrument, including the wire, line, cable, or instrument
8 of any internal telephonic communication system.” Cal. Pen. Code § 631(a). But
9 Plaintiffs nowhere allege that Moxy, or any other Defendant, tapped their
10 communications using telegraph or telephone wires. And “the first clause of Section
11 631(a) . . . does not apply to internet communications.” *Heiting v. Taro Pharms. USA,*
12 *Inc.*, 728 F. Supp. 3d 1112, 1123 (C.D. Cal. 2024). Plaintiffs thus fail to plead a claim
13 under Section 631(a)’s wiretapping clause.

14 **B. Plaintiffs Do Not Plead An “Interception” Violation**

15 CIPA expressly requires the wrongful act under Section 631(a)’s second clause
16 be the learning of a communication “*while the same is in transit.*” Cal. Pen. Code §
17 631(a). Similarly, the Wiretap Act requires a message be “intercept[ed].” 18 U.S.C.
18 § 2511(1). In both such cases, therefore, Plaintiffs must plead facts showing
19 interception. *Heiting*, 728 F. Supp. 3d at 1124 (CIPA claim requires allegations of
20 “facts demonstrating the statute’s ‘in transit requirement’ has been met.”); *Konop v.*
21 *Hawaiian Airlines, Inc.*, 302 F.3d 868, 876 (9th Cir. 2002) (same for Wiretap Act);
22 *Boulton v. Community.com, Inc.*, 2025 WL 314813, at *1 (9th Cir. Jan. 28, 2025)
23 (affirming dismissal of CIPA claim where defendant “could have only read or
24 attempted to read [message] after it was received...so the text could not have been
25 accessed ‘in transit’ within the meaning of § 631(a)”). Plaintiffs have not done so.

26 Plaintiffs affirmatively plead Creators engaged Moxy to “operate[] all aspects
27 of the Creator’s account” and “contract with chatters to conduct most, if not all, of the
28 communications between the Creators and the Fans” by giving them “direct access to

1 the Creator’s OnlyFans account.” FAC ¶¶103-104, ¶112(b)-(c); *see also id.* ¶112c.
2 (“Chatters communicate with Fans directly or indirectly *through the OnlyFans*
3 *account.*”). These allegations make plain that Moxy or Chatters received Plaintiffs’
4 messages only *after* they had reached the Creators’ inboxes, which is fatal because
5 reading a message *after* it has reached the intended recipient’s inbox *is not an*
6 *interception.* *Marsh v. Zaazoom Sols., LLC*, No. C-11-05226-YGR, 2012 WL
7 952226, at *17 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 20, 2012) (no interception where “Defendants did not
8 stop, seize, or interrupt a communication in progress before arrival to its intended
9 destination”); *Konop*, 302 F.3d at 878 (no “interception” where message read after it
10 had arrived at intended destination).

11 Recognizing this critical concession, Plaintiffs broadly allege on “information
12 and belief” that “CRM” software used by Chatters “intercept[s] messages and content
13 contemporaneously with their transmission.” FAC ¶123; *see also id.* ¶490 (generally
14 alleging “Agency Defendants have engaged in unauthorized interception”). But that
15 conclusory allegation is unsupported by *any* alleged facts explaining *how* CRM
16 software used by chatters could access OnlyFans’ systems to “intercept” messages
17 before they arrive in Creators’ inboxes. *Id.* (vaguely alleging it happens with “various
18 web-based technologies”). It also is contradicted by the repeat allegations that such
19 tools merely “access the Creator’s OnlyFans account,” *id.* ¶122, and that Chatters
20 interact with Fans “through the Creator’s account,” *id.* ¶124. Simply put, chatters
21 *cannot be intercepting* Fans’ messages if they are accessing the *Creator’s* account,
22 and Plaintiffs’ conclusory interception allegations should not be credited. *Licea v.*
23 *Am. Eagle Outfitters*, 659 F. Supp. 3d 1072, 1085 (C.D. Cal. 2023) (dismissing CIPA
24 claim based only on “conclusory allegations that messages were intercepted ‘during
25 transmission and in real time.’”).

26 Plaintiffs’ claims further necessarily fail because *impersonating* an individual
27 does not violate the Wiretap Act or CIPA. In *Clemons v. Waller*, 82 F. App’x 436
28 (6th Cir. 2003) the defendant allegedly violated the Wiretap Act when it had

1 impersonated plaintiff in a telephone call and thereby obtained plaintiff's phone
2 records. *Id.* at 440. While the court did "not dispute that utilizing false pretenses to
3 secure information" may be unlawful, "impersonating an intended recipient of a
4 communication does not violate the federal wiretap act." *Id.* at 441 (citing *United*
5 *States v. Pasha*, 332 F.2d 193, 198 (7th Cir. 1964) ("impersonation of the intended
6 receiver is not an interception within the meaning of the [Wiretap] statute")). The
7 Third Circuit has joined the Sixth and Seventh Circuits. *In re Google Inc. Cookie*
8 *Placement Consumer Priv. Litig.*, 806 F.3d 125, 144 (3d Cir. 2015) ("one who
9 impersonates the intended receiver of a communication may still be a party to that
10 communication for the purposes of the federal wiretap statute and [] such conduct is
11 not proscribed by the statute."). Simply put, the Wiretap Act and (impliedly) CIPA
12 do not proscribe the impersonation conduct about which Plaintiffs complain.

13 **C. Moxy Did Not Use Unlawfully Obtained Information Or Aid And**
14 **Abet Or Conspire To Violate Section 631(a)**

15 Plaintiffs' failure to state a claim under Section 631(a)'s wiretapping and
16 interception clauses against Moxy forecloses them from being able to plead a claim
17 under Section 631(a)'s third clause. *Heiting*, 728 F. Supp. 3d at 1123 ("[a] violation
18 under the third clause of § 631(a) is contingent upon a finding of a violation of the
19 first or second clause of § 631(a)."). It further precludes them from being able to
20 plead a claim under the final clause of that section. *Swarts*, 689 F. Supp. 3d at 746
21 (dismissing claim under Section 631(a)'s fourth clause where plaintiff failed to
22 "adequately allege interception within the meaning of the statute").

23 **D. Creators' Consent Is Fatal To Wiretap Act Claim**

24 Plaintiffs' Wiretap Act claim fails for the independent reason that it is a one-
25 party-consent statute. 18 U.S.C. § 2511(2)(d) ("It shall not be unlawful . . . to intercept
26 a wire, oral, or electronic communication . . . where one of the parties to the
27 communication has given prior consent to such interception."). Plaintiffs concede
28 that Moxy, "[w]orking in partnership with their Creators—often with full permission

1 *and authority from those Creators*—. . . contract with chatters to conduct most, if not
2 all, of the communications between the Creators and the Fans.” FAC ¶104; *see id.* ¶4
3 (alleging Moxy operates “OnlyFans accounts...at the request of and with the consent
4 of the Creators”). Any interception was thus lawful under the Wiretap Act.

5 **VIII. NON-CALIFORNIA PLAINTIFFS’ CLAIMS SHOULD BE**
6 **DISMISSED ON THE BASIS OF FORUM NON CONVENIENS**

7 In its April 9, 2025 Order, the Court found Plaintiffs were bound by the forum-
8 selection clause in OnlyFans’ Terms of Use (“Terms”) that stated “any claim...
9 arising out of or in connection with your agreement with us or your use of OnlyFans
10 (including, in both cases, non-contractual disputes or claims) must be brought in the
11 courts of England and Wales.” ECF 117 at 3-4, 6. The forum-selection clause’s
12 “broad scope...covers Plaintiffs’ claims” and “Plaintiffs’ alleged injuries from this
13 scheme all stem from Plaintiffs’ use of the OnlyFans website, which is governed by
14 the Terms...and Privacy Policy.” *Id.* at 7; *see also id.* (“Plaintiffs’ claims are logically
15 or causally connected to the Terms..., and thus the claims are covered by the forum[-
16]selection clause.”). Accordingly, the Court dismissed Plaintiffs B.L., S.M., and
17 A.L.’s (the “Non-California Plaintiffs”) claims against OnlyFans without leave to
18 amend but without prejudice to refile in England or Wales. *Id.* at 16.

19 The Non-California Plaintiffs’ claims against Moxy should be dismissed for
20 the same reasons. As an agent of its affiliated Creators, FAC ¶¶112b., 130, 452, Moxy
21 undoubtedly is a “user” subject to the Terms. *See* ECF 60-1, Ex. A at 2 (Terms define
22 “User” as “any user of OnlyFans, whether a Creator or a Fan or both.”); ECF 117 at
23 4 (forum-selection clause “applicable to OnlyFans *users*”). And even if not a “user,”
24 the Terms apply equitably because a nonsignatory is entitled to invoke a forum-
25 selection clause when “a signatory” sues the “nonsignatory defendants for claims that
26 are based on the same facts and are inherently inseparable from...claims against
27 signatory defendants.” *Franklin v. Cmty. Regional Med. Ctr.*, 998 F.3d 867, 870-71
28 (9th Cir. 2021). The Non-California Plaintiffs’ claims alleged against Moxy are

1 inseparably intertwined with those they alleged against OnlyFans, arising from the
2 same course of conduct, from allegations that the Terms contained misrepresentations
3 of the authenticity of the connection they could make with Creators, and carried out
4 in an alleged conspiracy. Plaintiffs cannot as a matter of law rely on the Terms to sue
5 the Agency Defendants while disclaiming the Terms' forum-selection clause. *See*
6 *Franklin*, 998 F.3d at 876 (holding that equitable estoppel applied when question of
7 "whether [plaintiff] can maintain liability against the" non-signatory defendant could
8 not "be answered without reference" to the contract containing an arbitration clause).

9 Accordingly, if any of their claims survive at all, the claims of the Non-
10 California Plaintiffs should be dismissed against Moxy on the basis of forum non
11 conveniens.

12 **IX. CONCLUSION**

13 Plaintiffs' Complaint against Moxy should be dismissed.
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